**Homework Strategies That Work**

**Completing homework on time contributes to school success**.

• Homework reinforces skills learned in the classroom and provides additional practice.

• It allows children to be responsible and work independently.

• It maintains a link between home and school by encouraging children to talk about

what they are learning, while providing parents with an opportunity to see how their children are progressing.

**Four Things You Can Do to Help Your Child with Homework**

**1. Show that you think education and homework are important.**

• Set a regular time and quiet place for completing homework.

• Have homework supplies available.

• Encourage responsibility for completing and returning homework.

• Talk with your child about homework assignments.

**2. Monitor your child’s work.**

• Identify teacher expectations for completing assignments.

• Read and initial your child’s homework notebook nightly. Encourage your child

to keep a calendar with due dates of upcoming assignments.

• Check returned assignments for teacher comments.

**3. Provide guidance.**

• Don’t do the assignments yourself! If your child gets stuck, help him/her solve the problem without giving the answer.

• Encourage good study habits. Your child may work more efficiently by using a

timer or completing harder assignments first.

• Consider breaking big assignments into more manageable parts. Set realistic time

frames for completing each task.

**4. Talk with someone at school if a problem comes up.**

• Use e-mail, notes, phone calls, or a teacher’s website to locate homework

information or to contact the teacher.

• Request a conference or call your child’s teacher if difficulties arise. Create a

plan to solve homework problems.

• Follow up with the teacher to make sure the plan is working.

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